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Letter dated 30 August 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly resolutions 48/75 K, 49/75 D and 50/70 O.

On 23 May 1996, the Government of Denmark decided to renounce unilaterally the use of anti-personnel land-mines in the Danish Armed Forces.

The Government's decision of 23 May means that the existing stockpiles of approximately 250,000 anti-personnel land-mines will be destroyed. The method and the time-frame of the destruction will be determined in the near future.

Denmark does not produce anti-personnel land-mines and has never exported such mines.

The Government of Denmark has continuously expressed support for the ultimate goal of the eventual elimination of anti-personnel land-mines in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions. Support has been expressed in several international forums, for example, the United Nations, the European Union, the twenty-fourth conference of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the certain conventional weapons review conference.

I would be grateful if you could have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 71 of the provisional agenda.

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